

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claim 54, cancels claim 56 and leaves claims 53, 55 and 57-84 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 53-55 and 57-84.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to claims 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66 and 68 as containing various informalities. Claim 56 was canceled and amendments were made to the remaining claims particularly, claim 54 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants submit that these objections are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claim 56 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. As indicated above, claim 56 was canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claim 56 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the subject as written in claim 56 does not comply with the written description requirement under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The cancellation of claim 56 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 4 of the Office Action that claims 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66 and 68 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections as set forth in the Office

Action. Amendments were made claims 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66 and 68 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Therefore, claims 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66 and 68 are now allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 5 of the Office Action that claims 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67 and 69-84 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 53-55 and 57-84 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 53-55 and 57-84 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.37902X00).

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